

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and utilised for scientific Research and Development (R&D) during the last three years;
- (b) the details of R&D projects being delayed due to paucity of funds;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to increase funds for scientific R&D in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) The Plan funds allocated and utilised for scientific Research and Development (R&D) by the departments under the Ministry of Science and Technology during the last three years are as follows:-

(Rs. Crores)						
Funds allocated		Funds utilised				
Department	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Science and Technology (DST)	1667.41	1932.89	2167.18			
	1775.00	2025.00	2349.00	(93.94)	(95.45)	(92.26)
Department of Biotechnology (DBT)	882.78	1112.80	1182.39			
	1000.00	1200.00	1400.00	(88.28)	(92.73)	(84.46)
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) (including CSIR)	1278.87	1596.26	1828.59			
	1350.00	1600.00	1930.00	(94.73)	(99.77)	(94.75)

Figures in bracket indicate % utilization Source: Planning Commission

(b) There is no delay in the R&D projects due to the paucity of funds by the Departments under the Ministry of Science and Technology

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. The Government has significantly increased funds for scientific R&D for the Departments under Ministry of Science and Technology from Rs. 26417 crores in the 11th Five Year Plan to Rs. 51296 crores for the 12th Five Year Plan. The details are as follows:-

(Rs.Crores)				
S&T Departments		XI Plan (2007-12) XII Plan (2012-17)		
Approved outlay		Outlay		
Department of Science and Technology (DST)	11028.00	21596.00	(95.8)	
Department of Biotechnology (DBT)	6389.00	11804.00	(84.76)	
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) (including CSIR)	9000.00	17896.00	(98.84)	

Total 26417.00 51296.00 (94.18)

Figures in bracket indicate % increase. Source: Planning Commission